(ख) गुजरात में ऐसे लघु उद्योग एककों की संख्या कितनी है जिन्हें विगत दो वर्षों के दौरान इन बैंकों द्वारा ऋण प्रदान किया गया?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद) : (क) जून, 1992 (अद्यतन उपलब्ध) की स्थिति के अनुसार गुजरात में कार्यक्रम वाणिज्यिक बैंकों की शाखाओं की जिलावार संख्या संलग्न विवरण में दी गई है। [नीचे देखिए]

(ख) आंकड़ा सूचना प्रणाली से पूछे गए अनुसार जानकारी प्राप्त नहीं होती है। तथापि मार्च 1990 और मार्च 1991 के अंतिम शुक्रवार की स्थिति के अनुसार गुजरात में लघु उद्योगों को दिये गए अनुसूचित वाणिज्यिक बैंकों के बकाया अग्रिमों की जानकारी नीचे दी गई है :

(रू० लाख में)

के अंत की स्थिति	खातों की सं०	बकाया राशि के अनुसार
मार्च, 1990	118773	118248
मार्च, 1991	114602	132823

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जून 1992 की स्थिति के अनुसार वाणिज्यिक बैंकों (क्षेत्रीय ग्रामीण बैंकों सहित) की शाखाओं की जिलेवार संख्या।

जिले का नाम	शाखाओं की संख्या
अहमदाबाद	626
अमरेली	135
बनासकंठा	209
बड़ौदा	330
भावनगर	228
भरुच	169
बलसार	265
डांग	11
गांधीनगर	44
जामनगर	169
जूनागढ़	225
खेड़ा	355
कच्छ	176
मेहसाणा	284
पंचमहल	189
राजकोट	315
साबरकांठा	233
सूरत	317
सुरेन्द्रनगर	113
राज्य का कुल जोड़	4393

Steps to attract Foreign Investments

1669. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the statements made by many overseas trade and economic delegations as also by the British High Commissioner in India that despite the liberalisation of economy, the investment climate in India is still not conducive to attract foreign capital;

(b) if so, whether Government would do some exercise in introspection and identify the areas that deter the foreign investors coming our way;

(c) whether Government have taken cognizance of reports alleging that bureaucracy is sabotaging Government policy decisions especially on liberalisation measures; and

(d) if so, whether Government would ensure that there is no bureaucratic hindrance on policy implementation to the lowest level ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has already taken steps to further liberalise the economy. The recent steps include reduction in tariff rates, unification of exchange rate etc., factors earlier considered to be inhibiting foreign investments.

(c) and (d) Policy decisions of the Government on liberalisation measures are being implemented by the bureacracy in its letter and spirit.

Bringing Agriculture under the tax net

1670. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government would consider broad-basing the tax structure bringing agriculture under the tax net; and

(b) if so, whether agriculture will be declared as an industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) Sir, the recommendations of the Tax Reforms Committee headed by Dr. Raja J. Chelliah for aggregating income from agricultural sources in excess of Rs. 25,000/- with non-agricultural income of tax-payers for the purposes of levy of income-tax is still under examination.

Sale of Bank of Credit and Commerce International

1671. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 45 crore had been offered for the sale of Bank of Credit and Commerce International Bombay under liquidation, by the Bank's global liquidators based in Caymen Island and the State Bank of India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the offer letter from the State Bank of India for the aforesaid amount was despatched to the liquidators in the last week of December, 1992;

(c) if so, what are the terms and conditions of the offer for their sale by the State Bank of India to the liquidators; and

(d) whether this amount would be sufficient to safeguard the interests of the small depositors whose money has been involved in the BCCI under liquidation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) and (d) Reserve Bank of India have reported that State Bank of India has offered to the global liquidators of BCCI, Caymen Islands a sum of Rs. 40 Crores towards acquisition of specified assets and all liabilities of the Bombay branch of BCCI (O) Ltd. As the purchasers has to take over the entire liabilities of the BCCI (O) Bombay branch, the interests of depositors of the bank including small depositors are fully safeguarded.

(b) Yes Sir.

Introduction of investment allowance concession

1672. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the package of tax concessions demanded by the pre-budget meeting on 7th January, 1993;

(b) whether Government are considering reintroduction of investment allowance concessions;

(c) if so, what are the ramifications of such a move; and

(d) when was the investment allowance concession first introduced in the annals of income tax law and when was it discontinued, the details thereof indicating the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) A number of industrialists met the Finance Minister on 7th January, 1993 and